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IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 18, line 6 with the following rewritten paragraph:

Other soft, relatively low modulus non-ionomeric thermoplastic elastomers may also be utilized to produce the outer cover layer as long as the nonionomeric thermoplastic elastomers produce the playability and durability characteristics desired without adversely effecting the enhanced spin characteristics produced by the low acid ionomer resin compositions. Preferably, the non-ionomeric thermoplastic elastomers have a Shore D hardness of 64 or less. These include, but are not limited to thermoplastic polyurethanes such as: Texin* thermoplastic polyurethanes from Mobay Chemical Co. and the Pellethane thermoplastic polyurethanes from Dow Chemical Co.; Ionomer/rubber blends such as those in Spalding U.S. Patents 4,986,545; 5,098,105 and 5,187,013; and, Hytrel polyester elastomers from DuPont and Pebax and polyesteramides from Elf Atochem S.A.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 6 and 11 as follows:

a core:

an inner cover layer disposed about said core, said inner cover layer having a Shore D hardness of at least 60, said inner cover layer comprising a blend of two or more ionomeric resins, each containing no more than 16% by weight of an alpha, betaunsaturated carboxylic acid; and

an outer cover layer disposed on said inner cover layer, said outer cover layer having a thickness of from about 0.01 to about 0.07 inches, and comprising a polyurethane material.

√ M. (TWICE AMENDED) A golf ball comprising:

a core: